

N. HIGH STREET STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 2: PRE-WORK STARTS JAN. 8

Complete General Construction Company, the contractor that performed Streetscape work in 2017 has been awarded the 2018 construction contract for the Phase 2 Improvements for North High Street. Construction activities will be able to begin on the corridor Jan. 8. Additional information including details on sequence, schedule, and location of work by month will be provided in upcoming emails and presented at the **Jan. 23** public meeting.

PUBLIC MEETING: JAN. 23

Join us for a High Street Streetscape Improvements public meeting and open house. Invitation, including meeting agenda, to follow.

Jan. 23, 2018 | 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Greater Columbus Convention Center | Eisenman and Trott Rooms

PRE-WORK E. 2ND AVE. TO W. POPLAR AVE.: JAN. 8-MARCH 28

Beginning Jan. 8 crews will remove trees and grates from E. Second Ave. to W. Poplar Ave. Concrete will be placed in the voids left by the trees so that a pedestrian access can be maintained. Underground work will start at E. Second Ave. and progress southward as well. Noise impacts from tree removal will be minimal and it will not require meters to be bagged. Meters, however, will have restrictions posted. Expect to see rolling, short-lived, on-street parking restrictions as the tree removal and underground work moves through.

Starting Jan. 22 and concluding by March 28, 2018, crews will be installing: temporary traffic signals, temporary overhead utilities, and underground conduit on the west side of High Street as well as storm sewer and water service installation. It is the goal of this project to finish all utility and underground work by March 28 and to start surface work for the streetscape the week of April 9. This effort is to maintain an early November 2018 project completion date. Parking restrictions will be required as work progresses southward from E. Second Ave.

As mentioned above, this planned temporary loss of trees in the corridor is important to help maintain pedestrian access during construction. The final project will include the restoration of trees and dedicated planting areas. In total, the corridor from Nationwide Blvd. to 9th will see a net gain of approx. 200 trees. This Phase 2 section between Second and Poplar will see a net increase of approximately 70 trees once work is complete.

BUTTLES AVE. TO BRICKEL ST.: JAN. 2 – FEB. 5

Starting Jan. 2, AEP will be performing utility undergrounding work to set the stage for Streetscape construction. In total, this work is expected to take five weeks to accomplish.

During this time, meters on both sides of High St. between Buttles Ave. and E. Lincoln St. will be bagged and two lanes of traffic will flow on the east and west sides of High Street. Two Columbus Police officers will be stationed in this area full time to help pedestrian and vehicular traffic flow.

Work begins at E. Lincoln St. On Jan. 2. Expect to experience saw cutting in the road which will be as noisy as a large lawn mower. You'll see water being used during this process to minimize dust. The roadway will be salted if necessary if freezing is a concern. On or around Jan 3, the team will set a vault on E. Lincoln St. near the curb. The CoGo bike rack to be temporarily relocated to accommodate it installation.

AT A GLANCE: APRIL-NOV. 2018

Below is an overview of activities expected to start in April and conclude in November:

- Installation of new lighting conduit with new LED street lights
- Installation of Silva cells, trees and landscaping that fits an urban environment
- Removal of existing sidewalks and installation of new sidewalks while maintaining access to businesses
- Removal of existing and installation of new mast arm traffic signals
- Installation of new curb
- Milling and paving of High Street

PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATES

711 NORTH HIGH

Beginning Jan. 2 and continuing through Feb. 19, expect to see trucks carrying structural steel offloading at this site daily. Large trucks will move in and out over the course of the next seven weeks to accomplish this task.

This private development's construction crew and the City will be sharing work zones at times over the next several months to minimize excess meter bagging and other district impacts.

800 NORTH HIGH

Piling work is completing and will be followed by excavation activities starting on Jan 2. Noise will be light with just engines and back-up alarms on trucks. During build-out at this site, the far east lane of High Street is closed and all east-side meters between Hull Street and East Hubbard Avenue are bagged. This will remain until completion which is set for May 2019.

900 NORTH HIGH

You'll soon see steel work beginning at 900 North High Street. This is not expected to impact traffic flow or pedestrian foot traffic. The steel work is due to be complete in late January.

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